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SUBJECT: PUBLIC MAIL REPORT
July 10-14, 1978

The trials of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy, Alexander Ginsberg and Vladimir Slepak aroused the anger of many Americans who consequently wrote the Secretary, boosting this week's mail volume close to the 1,500-piece mark. The White House referred 223 letters to us, we were assigned 1,085 messages addressed to the Secretary and we received 169 general information requests.

Individually Written Messages

50 communications, primarily from national and local Jewish organizations, denounced the trials of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy, Alexander Ginsberg, and Vladimir Slepak and called for U.S. intercession on their behalf.

31 focused on other aspects of U.S.-Soviet relations. Some feared that a SALT TWO agreement would advance the Soviet's goal of world domination and threaten U.S. national security. Others doubted that the Soviets would honor an arms control agreement in view of their violation of the Helsinki accord.

17 protested the bombing of Lebanese civilians by Syrian forces.

Campaign Mail

One mailgram addressed to the Secretary, primarily from the Denver, Phoenix and Miami areas, urged the Administration to speak out against the trials of Messrs. Shcharanskiy, Slepak, and Ginsberg. They asked the Secretary either to protest the trials directly to Soviet authorities during the arms control talks, to postpone his meeting with Andrei Gromyko, or to reevaluate the wisdom of pursuing a SALT TWO Agreement in view of the Soviets' apparent disinclination to honor their commitments on human

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rights. We understand that the White House received 993 letters on this subject, 6 to 1 in favor of U.S. intercession, which will be answered by White House staff members.

270 Cuban-Americans in Florida called on the U.S. Government to stop extradition proceedings of Gustavo Castillo and Gaspar Jimenez, who are accused of murder and attempted kidnapping.

49 San Franciscans sought Departmental support for the People's Temple in Jonestown, Guyana.

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Public Mail Statistics

	Incoming	Outgoing	On hand
White House	223	343	245
Secretary's and Department's	1,254	350	875
V. P.'s Mail	1	42	16
Totals	1,478	735	1,136*

* The vast majority of these letters are awaiting language on Shcharanskiy and Ginsberg, which we expect from EUR shortly.

The White House telephone survey gave us an 80% during this period.

STANDARD LANGUAGE REQUESTED BUT NOT YET RECEIVED

Subject	Action Bureau	Date Requested
The Trial and sentencing of Anatoliy Shcharanskiy and Alexander Ginsberg	EUR	7/11
Violence in Rhodesia	AF	7/17
Beirut bombing and ADF	NEA	7/10
Zenz and McDaniel, two American women imprisoned in Turkey	CA/SCS	7/11